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SUBJECT: HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE (HAC) BILL

LANGUAGE: MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE (MRA)

1. THE HOUSE HAS PASSED A FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FY 89 WHICH IS EXPECTED TO GO TO CONFERENCE WITH THAT OF THE SENATE (SEPTEL, NOTAL) IN SEPTEMBER. FOLLOWING TEXT, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE READ ONLY RPT ONLY AS INDICATIVE OF POSSIBLE MRA FUNDING FOR FY 89. (WE WILL TRANSMIT TEXT OF BILL AS IT EMERGES FROM CONFERENCE.) TEXT OF BILL LANGUAGE ON MRA AS MARKED UP BY HAC WAS UNCHANGED ON FLOOR. THE HOUSE BILL INCREASES TOTAL FUNDING FOR MRA BY USDOLS 21.95 MILLION OVER THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST FOR USDOLS 340 MILLION, BUT TRANSFERS USDOLS 23.50 MILLION TO DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) BECAUSE HHS FY 89 FUNDING FOR REFUGEE ENTRANTS WAS REQUESTED FOR FEWER REFUGEES THAN STATE (SEE REPORT LANGUAGE SEPTEL). EARMARKS OUTSIDE THE ADMINISTRATION REQUEST TOTAL USDOLS 17.50 MILLION. IF UNCHANGED IN THE CONFERENCE, NET RESULT OF THE TRANSFER AND EARMARKS WOULD BE CUTS TO OUR REQUESTED FUNDING FOR FY 89 REFUGEE ASSISTANCE AND/OR ADMISSIONS PROGRAMS. THE EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND

MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND (ERMA) IS REPLENISHED TO USDOLS 30 MILLION (THE ADMINISTRATION REQUEST DID NOT

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INCLUDE REPLENISHMENT FOR ERMA).

2. (BEGIN TEXT OF HOUSE BILL LANGUAGE) FOR EXPENSES, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, NECESSARY TO ENABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PROVIDE, AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, A CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS AND ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES, INCLUDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR MIGRATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES; SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1980; ALLOWANCES AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 5021 THROUGH 5925 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE; HIRE OF PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES; AND SERVICES AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 3109 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE; USDOLS 361,950,000: PROVIDED, THAT NOT LESS THAN USDOLS 27,500,000 SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR SOVIET, EASTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER REFUGEES RESETTLING IN ISRAEL: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT NOT LESS THAN USDOLS 23,500,000 OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR REFUGEE ENTRANT ASSISTANCE: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING SHALL BE ADMINISTERED IN A MANNER THAT ENSURES EQUITY IN THE TREATMENT OF ALL REFUGEES RECEIVING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT NO FUNDS HEREIN APPROPRIATED SHALL BE USED TO ASSIST DIRECTLY IN THE MIGRATION TO ANY NATION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE OF ANY PERSON NOT HAVING A SECURITY CLEARANCE BASED ON REASONABLE STANDARDS TO ENSURE AGAINST COMMUNIST INFILTRAION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING NOT LESS THAN USDOLS 15,000,000 SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR COSTS OF THE EXPEDITED RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE AMERASIANS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR REFUGEE BENEFITS: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT NOT MORE THAN USDOLS 8,000,000 OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER THIS HEADING SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF REFUGEE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

3. UNITED STATES EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND: FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2(C) OF THE MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1962, AS AMENDED (22 U.S.C. 260(C)), USDOLS 30,000,000, TO REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED. (END TEXT OF BILL LANGUAGE). WHITEHEAD
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